IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-28 (Canceled)

Claim 29 (New): A monitor comprising:

a storage medium reader that reads a digital image stored on a storage medium;

a controller that processes and transfers the read digital image for display on a display screen of the monitor;

a user-interface operable to enable issuing a command to the controller to control the reading and display of the digital image on the display screen; and

a frame buffer shared between facilitating display of the digital image from the storage medium and facilitating display from a PC.

Claim 30 (New): The monitor of claim 29, wherein the digital image is read by the storage medium reader and transferred to the frame buffer of the monitor for storage and for display on the display screen.

Claim 31 (New): The monitor of claim 30, wherein the frame buffer is switchable between storing the digital image from the storage medium for transfer by said controller to said display screen and storing data from the PC for transfer by said controller to said display screen.

Claim 32 (New): The monitor of claim 29, wherein the controller

processes the read digital image into a format that is compatible with the signal input of the display.

Claim 33 (New): The monitor of claim 29, wherein the user-interface enables the user to manipulate at least the image displayed or the data stored on the storage medium.

Claim 34 (New): The monitor of claim 33, wherein the user-interface enables the user to perform a manipulation of the image, the manipulation being selected from the group consisting of deleting or protecting the data stored on the storage medium, sequencing display of multiple images, resizing the image, rotating the image, mirroring the image, displaying textual information about the image, and displaying a thumbnail view of the image.

Claim 35 (New): The monitor of claim 34, wherein the at least one manipulation is performed via on-screen menu selection through the user-interface.

Claim 36 (New): The monitor of claim 29, wherein the display screen for displaying the digital image is selected from the group consisting of a cathode-ray tube display (CRT), a digital CRT, a liquid crystal display (LCD), a TV, a projection device, and an electroluminescent display (ELD).

Claim 37 (New): The monitor of claim 29, wherein the storage medium is

selected from the group consisting of smart media, compact flash memory, mini-disc, zip disc, memory stick PCMCIA (Personal Computer Memory Card International Association) card, compact disk (CD), recordable CD (CD-R), rewritable CD (CD-RW), digital versatile disk (DVD) and HDD.

Claim 38 (New): The monitor of claim 29, wherein the storage medium reader is capable of reading two or more different storage media types.

Claim 39 (New): A monitor comprising:

means for reading data from a storage device;

a controller that processes and transfers the read data for display on a display screen of the monitor; and

a frame buffer shared for switching between a first mode of operation enabling display of the data from the storage device and a second mode of operation enabling display from a PC.

Claim 40 (New): The monitor of claim 39, wherein the data is image data.

Claim 41 (New): The monitor of claim 39, wherein the monitor includes communication means to transfer said data from the storage device to a PC.

Claim 42 (New): The monitor of claim 41, wherein said communication

means is selected from the group consisting of a USB interface, a serial interface, and an IEEE 1394 interface.

Claim 43 (New): The monitor of claim 39, further comprising a user-interface operable to enable issuing a command to the controller to control the reading and display of the data on the display screen.

Claim 44 (New): An interface for a monitor comprising:

a storage medium reader that reads a digital image stored on a storage medium;

a controller that processes and transfers the read digital image for display on a display screen on the monitor;

a user-interface operable to enable issuing a command to the controller to control the reading and display of the digital image on the display screen, wherein the interface is located in an enclosure separate from the monitor and communicates with the monitor to display and manipulate an image via a first communication means; and

a frame buffer for storing data in two different modes of operation, wherein a first mode of operation enables display of a digital image from the storage medium and a second mode of operation enables display from a PC.

Claim 45 (New): The monitor of claim 44, wherein said interface also communicates with a PC via a second communication means to forward said digital image to said PC.

Claim 46 (New): A monitor comprising:

a storage medium reader that reads a digital image stored on a storage medium;

a controller that processes and transfers the read digital image for display on a display screen of the monitor;

a user-interface operable to enable issuing a command to the controller to control the reading and display of the digital image on the display screen; and

a frame buffer that is shared for executing two different functions, wherein a first function includes receiving the digital image from the storage medium and storing the digital image and a second function includes buffering of graphics from a PC.